

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The rejections presented in the Office Action dated July 12, 2007 (hereinafter Office Action) have been considered. Claims 1, 4-6, 9, 10, 13-16 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration of the pending claims and allowance of the application in view of the present response is respectfully requested.

Claims 18 and 19 were withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner as being directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed. In the interest of facilitating prosecution, Applicants have cancelled Claims 18 and 19 without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, without acquiescence of the restriction or reasons therefor, the Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application that includes at least the subject matter associated with Claims 18 and 19.

Claims 8 and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has elected, without prejudice or disclaimer, to amend the rejected base claims to incorporate features of allowable Claims 8 and 17 and all intermediary claims into respective Claims 1 and 10, and thereby advance the application to allowance.

Claims 1-7 and 9-16 are rejected based on 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,987,554 to Liu et al. Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections listed above with respect to base Claims 1 and 10 are now moot in view of the amendments to these base claims. Concerning the rejections of the pending dependent Claims 4-6, 9, and 13-16, these dependent claims include all of the limitations of their respective base claim and any intervening claims, and recite additional features which further distinguish these claims from the cited reference. Therefore, dependent Claims 4-6, 9, and 13-16 are also allowable over the references listed above.

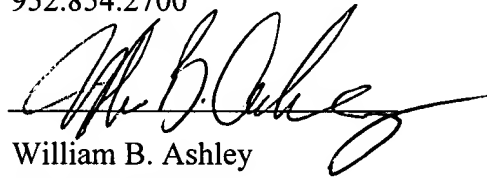
Authorization is given to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3581 (HONY.033PA) any necessary fees for this filing. If the Examiner believes it necessary or helpful, the undersigned attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact him at to discuss any issues related to this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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